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# TUCKER BAG # 1/2

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In Australia's Outback, those who wandered its limitless, trackless expanse carried their few possessions in backpacks, called Tuckerbags. Everything they need was contained in those small, scruffy carryalls, and it is hoped that this (small, scruffy) fundzine will serve a similar purpose; to give you needed information for and about THE TUCKER FUND. Publication will be irregular, distribution rather unorthodox, and its price most reasonable--free with some fanzines, picked up at certain conventions, or available for a ten-cent stamp.

As its name implies, THE TUCKER FUND is a pass-the-hat collection trying to raise funds (at least \$1,000) in order to send Bob (Wilson) Tucker to Melbourne for Aussiecon--the 33rd World Science Fiction Convention--in 1975. Fans from both sides of the Pacific are engaged in this effort; aiming to present the trip to Bob as a gift from the whole of Fandom. A way of saying "Thanks" for the over forty years he's devoted to our pastime, and his many, many contributions to it.

As a means to this end, an auction is being organized. Donated items of every kind--books, manuscripts, artwork, odds-and-ends of all sorts--are needed. Tucker Bag will be used to conduct the auction as well as pass on information connected with the Fund's activities. Publication of the first issue is slated for June 1st...kick-off date for the Fund itself.

In the works as well is THE REALLY INCOMPLETE BOB TUCKER, a zine of reprints of Tucker's fannish writings from throughout the decades. It is being planned for publication this coming summer, and info about it will be made available through Tucker Bag and other fanzines. All proceeds from its sale will go toward the fund's goal.

But, right now, the primary need is for auction items. Check your closets, cull those collections, choose one of the cherished pictures you've always intended to (but somehow never got around to) hang on your wall: give another fan the opportunity of bidding on it, and help a worthy cause at the same time.

Send a description of the item(s), including a fair valuation, to the U.S. administrator. This week if at all possible (May 15th is the deadline for inclusion in the first Tucker Bag). Donors will, of course, receive all issues of the fundzine.

Thanks in behalf of THE TUCKER FUND. With your help it can be a success and make an Old And Tired Fan a bit more aware of how much he and his efforts are appreciated by us all...

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